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Attention: Ms. Sue Kiser

Attention: Mr. Ray Sukys

Dear Ms. Kiser and Mr. Sukys:

With this letter and pursuant to the authority delegated to me, I approve the following amendment of the Sacramento Area Council of Governments' (SACOG) 2004/5-2006/07 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP):

<u>No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
14	State, Local and Transit Elements <ul style="list-style-type: none">Modifies and adds various projects from various funding programs in various counties. The amendment includes projects with funding from the local funds, Recreational Trails Program, National Highway System (NHS), Federal Demonstration Program, Surface Transportation Program (STP), and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) program. See enclosure.

SACOG has requested the Department of Transportation (Caltrans) to exclude "State Route 65 Wheatland Signal/Left Turn Lane (MPO ID: CAL18755) project from this amendment. Documentation from SACOG is enclosed. I am also recommending that the Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Administration approve this FTIP Amendment No. 14 with the exclusion of the project noted above, for inclusion into California's 2004/05-2006/07 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP). Projects included in this FTIP in fiscal years beyond the three-year cycle of the current FSTIP are not approved as part of this FTIP amendment and are for information only. Please note that approval of this amendment does not constitute eligibility determination for the projects from this amendment that are funded from CMAQ program.

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The changes being proposed to the Federal Transportation Improvement Program by this amendment have been found by SACOG to not require a conformity analysis or determination. Therefore, this FTIP amendment is consistent with the State Implementation Plan. The financial impacts of this amendment are compatible with anticipated revenues in the FSTIP Financial Plan and do not significantly affect the overall financial analysis.

In accordance with existing law, public involvement procedures are a part of the project selection process. SACOG prepared this FTIP amendment under that process permitting citizens, affected local agencies, other public agencies, and other interested parties reasonable opportunity for comment.

Please address any questions on this FSTIP approval request to Abhijit Bagde of my staff, at (916) 654-3638.

Sincerely,



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Chief

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Enclosures

- c: Steven Barhite - EPA Office of Air Planning (w/enclosure)
- Mike McKeever - Sacramento Area Council of Governments
- Jose Luis Caceres - Sacramento Area Council of Governments
- Rachel Falsetti - Caltrans
- Abhijit Bagde - Caltrans